

Fall 2007 Parks and Recreation Bond Referendum - *Project Descriptions*

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COMPLETION OF 2003 BOND PROJECTS

\$16,097,500

The previous City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Bond was approved in October of 2003. Since its approval there have been several projects that were fully funded, yet there are still a number of projects that remain unfunded.

Playground Improvements - Funds are proposed for the retrofit, renovation or replacement of older playgrounds that no longer meet current national guidelines.

Building Improvements - These funds would extend the life and increase the use and safety of older facilities through the addition of climate control systems, electrical system upgrades, roof repairs and interior lighting improvements.

Outdoor Security Lighting - This project would improve the lighting quality along walkways, park entrances, building exteriors, and other lighted areas in many of the City's parks. These enhancements would increase park safety while reducing the maintenance of exterior lighting systems.

1 Crabtree Creek extension to Neuse River – This portion of the Capital Area Greenway will connect the Neuse River to existing sections of the greenway system that run through to Umstead State Park, North Raleigh and eventually Falls Lake.

2 Halifax Center Improvements
This project would include the renovation and expansion of the existing center building to accommodate the recreational/classroom/meeting space needs in this changing neighborhood.

3 Jaycee Center Expansion
The proposed project is to expand the classroom/meeting space to address excess programming demand.

4 Honeycutt Creek Greenway - This project is proposed to connect the existing greenway which ends on Long Street just west of Six Forks Road to the South Shore Trail along the south side of Falls Lake at Ravens Ridge Road. The trail is proposed to follow the course of Mine Creek north, pass through the West Millbrook Middle School/Park site, cross Strickland Road and continue north along Honeycutt Creek to Ravens Ridge Road.

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GREENWAY DEVELOPMENT

\$16,000,000

Funds are proposed for the acquisition and development of various greenway segments to extend and connect the Capital Area Greenway Master Plan. These segments are focused predominantly on the completion of and connections to the Neuse River Greenway:

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Neuse River Greenway Completion (Falls Dam to Johnston County) – There is currently funding for the first 4.3 miles of the trail from Falls Lake Dam to Falls River Avenue. The total cost to complete the remaining portion of the trail is \$26,500,000.

Funding from several external sources will be sought to assist in the completion of these projects. Examples of these sources may include but will not be limited to Wake County Government, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) and several potential Federal Government agencies.

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Walnut Creek Greenway Extension to Neuse River – This will extend the Walnut Creek Greenway from southeast Raleigh towards the Neuse River greenway corridor. In the future this will provide the greenway connection from the downtown to the Neuse River corridor.

PARK LAND ACQUISITION

\$15,000,000

This funding is intended for acquisition of various park sites in locations spread throughout the City. Search areas and estimated annual costs are identified in the Parks, Recreation and Greenway element of the City Comprehensive Plan. Neighborhood park sites are identified as a priority for Land Acquisition.

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EXISTING FACILITY CAPACITY INCREASES

\$4,900,000

Several City of Raleigh Park and Recreation facilities have reached or surpassed the capacity at which they were designed to serve. Contributing factors include increased population densities and year-round schools. The funding for these projects will provide additional capacity to existing parks by expanding facilities.

7 Barwell Road Park Development – Plan, design and complete the outdoor components and amenities associated with the new Community Center. This project was done in cooperation with Wake County School System and will help fulfill the need for more outdoor active recreation in rapidly growing southeast Raleigh.

8 Carolina Pines Community Center Expansion – This funding will be used to expand the existing Community Center to provide additional programmable space.

9 Pullen Park Carriageway Bridge – The funding for this project will be used to engineer and install a bridge crossing over the rail road corridor that currently transects the park. This crossing will connect the north and south halves of the park and bond currently disconnected park elements.

10 Chavis Heights Carousel Building Adaptive Re-Use Project – A current project is underway to provide a new facility for the Chavis Heights Carousel. This funding will be used to upgrade the old carousel building into a new programmable space.

NEW FACILITY CAPACITY

\$36,602,500

The funding for these projects will be utilized to add “new” capacity to the City of Raleigh Park and Recreation system by designing and constructing new facilities. The new facilities can be located at existing parks with incomplete master plans and at undeveloped sites through additional planning, design and construction.

Raleigh Senior Center – Funds are proposed for construction of a state-of-the-art, approximately 25,000 square-foot Senior Center that may include large and small multipurpose rooms, activity rooms, kitchen, fitness space and more. This cost is for a Center built on City owned property. This project and costs are based on the preliminary drafts of the Senior Center Feasibility Study.

11 Annie Louise Wilkerson, MD Nature Preserve – This funding will be used for the design and construction of the Annie Louise Wilkerson M.D. Nature Preserve Park.

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Mordecai Historic Park Interpretive Center – The adopted Historic Mordecai Park Master Plan recommends a 5,500 square foot Visitor's Center to be used for interpretive displays, offices and educational space.

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Randleigh Farm – The funding for this project is for Master Planning and first phase development of the site. It will provide the basis for a partnership opportunity with several other agencies.

Aquatics Facility(s) – Staff has hired a consultant to conduct a comprehensive study of the Aquatics programs and facilities provided by the City. This funding will be used to assist in the implementation of the study results.

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Northeast Raleigh Community Center – This project is an effort to provide more active recreational opportunities in northeast Raleigh. A community center that may include a double gymnasium and locker rooms, multipurpose rooms, meeting rooms, offices, and storage and restroom facilities.

Northeast Raleigh Active Recreation Partnership – The intent of this funding is to provide opportunities for partnerships for developing outdoor active recreation in northeast Raleigh.

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Lake Johnson Facility – A multi-use facility was adopted as part of the Master Plan for Lake Johnson Park. This facility will contribute more programmable space for southwest Raleigh.

Unsatisfied Neighborhood Park Search Areas – Staff has identified several neighborhood park search areas (as documented in the Comprehensive Plan) that can not be satisfied using traditional methods due to size and scope. Funds are proposed to satisfy the pursuit for land in these areas through partnerships and / or utilization of commercial facilities.

Signage Package – This package will be used to replace and enhance the existing signage through out the City of Raleigh Parks and Greenway System.

Proposed Bond Program

\$88,600,000